

***“Champions at Work”***

**2011**

# **SkillsUSA Kentucky**

***Leadership Conference & Skills Championship***

***April 5-8***

**Galt House - Louisville, Kentucky**



***“Preparing for Leadership in the World of Work”***





# 2011 SkillsUSA Kentucky State Leadership Conference and Skills Championship



Held at the Galt House in Louisville from April 5-8, the 2011 SkillsUSA Kentucky Leadership and Skills Conference hosted over 1,000 registered contestants, advisors, and guests while offering \$3.5M in cash, prizes and scholarships for those who delivered winning performances. The whole purpose for raising funds was to honor students and provide them with added benefits for successfully competing in leadership and skills events.

Over the past few years, competitive events have expanded throughout the city of Louisville that include secondary and postsecondary institutions, training centers, fire departments and businesses that provide building space, classrooms, equipment, instructors, employees and support. Special thanks and recognition is given to Jefferson Community and Technical College, Sullivan College of Technology & Design, The Carpenters and Millwrights Training Center, Great Clips Training Center, Fern Creek Training Facility, PRP Fire Training Division; KSMAS Training Center, Construction Training Institute, Inc., Kentuckiana Masonry Institute, Inc., Whayne Supply, and Southern High School.

During a week when students, advisors, principals and parents come together at state competition, it's evident that the time, effort and energy given by so many pays great dividends. The following pages provide an overview of who and what SkillsUSA is all about.





# Opening Ceremony – Tuesday, April 5

The 2011 opening ceremony and first general session was an awesome sea of RED that accounted for all the participants and advisors who were on hand to enjoy the pomp and circumstance of rolling out another SkillsUSA Kentucky State Leadership and Skills Championship. This year's ceremony was sponsored by Titan Contracting & Leasing.

Anticipation, coupled with the excitement of students ready to begin their competitive journey was evident throughout the ballroom as the SkillsUSA Kentucky state officers presided over the first general session.



The audience stood with respect as members of the Holmes Chapman High School ROTC proudly served as the official SkillsUSA KY color guard.



*At left: Kentucky state officer Danielle Chastain sang the national. Danielle is a student at KY Tech-Caldwell County ATC.*

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***John Marks, OCTE executive director addressed the audience and talked about the value of learning a skill and how he's seen SkillsUSA make a difference in students throughout his career as a teacher, principal, area supervisor, division director, and executive director.***

***Photo (l to r): Rodney Nokes, KY Tech-Lake Cumberland ATC; David Cissell and Debra Gruber, both from KY Tech-Paducah ATC.***



***Commissioner Brinly, Phillippi, and Melissa Jones, KY Tech-Russellville ATC advisor and teacher.***



# Opening Ceremony – Tuesday, April 5



Commissioner Brinly poses with SkillsUSA KY state officers.



**Beth Brinly**  
**Workforce Investment Commissioner:**

***“I understand the role that SkillsUSA has played in the lives of so many students and the reputation that this student organization has had in developing each of you for competitive events, as well as learning how to become a leader. This SkillsUSA Kentucky state conference is a significant event because of what it means to each of you and to the future of our Commonwealth.”***

**Photo at right**  
**(l to r): Tim Lawrence,**  
**SkillsUSA national**  
**executive director and**  
**Brinly.**



**Bob Silliman**  
**Jefferson Community & Technical College**  
**2011 SkillsUSA Kentucky**  
**Administrator of the Year**  
**and guest speaker representing**  
**Jefferson Community and Technical College**



**(l to r): Phillippi, Silliman, and SkillsUSA**  
**national executive director Tim Lawrence.**



# Opening Ceremony – Tuesday, April 5



## ***Special guest speaker: Tim Lawrence SkillsUSA executive director***

***Lawrence:***

***“I want to personally congratulate every student, teacher, administrator, and business partner attending this year’s state conference.***

***Our slogan, ‘Champions at Work,’ exemplifies what you are all about. A champion is someone who stands on principle, adapts, and works to do the right thing each and every day.***

***“Students, no matter what you are studying, SkillsUSA motivates you to be your best with technical skills and leadership skills.***

***“Teachers, you’re our inspiration. Thank you for motivating and inspiring these great students. You’re the lifeblood of SkillsUSA.***

***“To our industry partners, you are the driving force behind SkillsUSA. You are standing up as champions for our students, our teachers, and our programs. You are making education relevant to the future needs of the workforce and to higher education.***

***“Never sell skills short. Prepare yourself. With this economy, there’s never been a better time for technical skills in America.”***



***At left: Lawrence poses with SkillsUSA Kentucky state officers.***



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# 2011 Golden Eagle Awards

The Golden Eagle award was unveiled for the first time during this year's conference. The award recognizes individuals who make "Gold Standard" contributions to SkillsUSA Kentucky for the overall success of the organization.



## Golden Eagles

**Dr. Sheree Koppel**  
*Sullivan College of Technology & Design*

**Stephen Greg Guinn**  
*Jefferson Community & Technical College*

**Grant Gamble**  
*Jefferson Community & Technical College*

**John Marks**  
*Office of Career and Technical Education*

**Beth Brinly**  
*Department for Workforce Investment*

*Photo above (l to r): Steve Phillippi, SkillsUSA KY state director; Grant Gamble, Jefferson CTC; Greg Guinn, Jefferson CTC; John Marks, OCTE executive director; Beth Brinly, Department for Workforce Investment commissioner; and Tim Lawrence, SkillsUSA national executive director. Not pictured: Dr. Sheree Koppel.*



# 2011 SkillsUSA KY Silver Eagles

Recognizing individuals who make significant contributions to SkillsUSA Kentucky is vital to the overall success of the organization. For the third year, state director Steve Phillippi honored the “Silver Eagles” who have helped the organization soar.



## **Silver Eagles**

**Wayne King**

*Office of Career and Technical Education*

**David McCoy**

*KY Tech-Meade Co. ATC*

**Ron Molgaard**

*Elizabethtown CTC*

**Tom Pitts**

*KY Tech-J.D. Patton ATC*

**Tim Thornberry**

*Edu. and Workforce Development Cabinet*



*Photo above (l to r): representative from KY Tech-Meade Co. ATC accepting for David McCoy; Wayne King, Ron Molgaard, and Tom Pitts. Not pictured: Tim Thornberry.*



## **David Schaefer named 2011 Advisor of the Year**



**SkillsUSA Kentucky state officer Matt Cape presents Schaefer with Advisor of the Year award.**

### **Schaefer:**

***"It is an honor to be recognized as the SkillsUSA state advisor of the year. I can only hope that the passion I have to strengthen the SkillsUSA organization within my own district will inspire students and teachers to believe in it just as much as I do. This organization has given me technical and leadership skills as a student, and so much more as an advisor. Being an advisor has given me the opportunity to give back to an organization that has given me so much and I am happy to return the favor as a thankful advisor. Thank you again for this prestigious award."***

## **2011 SkillsUSA Kentucky Advisor of the Year finalists**

**Mickey Bayer**

*KY Tech-Caldwell Co. ATC*

**Melissa Jones**

*KY Tech-Russellville ATC*

**Larry Dejournet**

*KY Tech-Paducah ATC  
(not pictured)*

**David Schaefer**

*Chapman CTEC  
Holmes High School*

**Debra Gruber**

*KY Tech-Paducah ATC*

**Paul Spalding**

*KY Tech-Marion Co. ATC  
(not pictured)*





## Skills events – Thursday, April 8



**Ronnie L. Boggs, Area Coordinator**

**Indiana/Kentucky Regional Council of Carpenters  
Joint Apprenticeship and Training Fund:**

**"Once again we have observed another successful Skills USA Kentucky competition. In the last 4 years, I have observed a competition that has evolved and become more competitive. I have also seen the level of talent in the participants improve."**

**"Congratulations to the participants. We have no losers. I see the future in these young people. Our willingness to work is what made Kentucky great and the future looks bright."**



**Above: Residential Wiring. Tom Humphries, retired electrician and Troy Crawford, City of Louisville chief electrical inspector served as judges.**

**Far left (l to r): Larry Johnson and Tony Leslie, Jefferson CTC.**

**At left (l to r): KY Tech-Wayne Co. carpentry instructor John Kinnett and Zach Hicks.**



## **Welding Fabrication – Grill Project**

**Karl Watson, Chair, Somerset Community College**

**Secondary Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ross Jolly, Brandon Hawkins, and Andy McDonald, Fleming Co. HS.**

**Postsecondary Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Darrell Swenson, Tracy Gros, and Charles Stone, Elizabethtown CTC.**

**Photo (l to r):**  
**KY Tech-**  
**Breckinridge**  
**Co. ATC**  
**team**  
**Cody**  
**Carman,**  
**Gavin**  
**Haycraft, and**  
**Eddie**  
**Roberts. All**  
**are students**  
**of Chris**  
**Basham.**



**Chris Basham**  
**welding instructor**  
**KY Tech-Breckinridge Co. ATC:**

***“SkillsUSA is an opportunity for students to be competitive in a wide variety of events. The students I have competing have been active in SkillsUSA throughout their high school years while enrolled in welding technology at the ATC. I believe these competitive events help students to work together as a team from both a technical and leadership perspective. Ultimately these students become a better work ready individual.”***

**Photo (l to r):** Welding fabrication judges Tony Noah (The Lincoln Electric Co.) and Barry Jackson look over the welds on a grill.



**Noah:**

***“The Fabrication Welding competition puts three students in a work type environment. They have to use their communication and teamwork skills to complete a project. It shows them that there is more to welding than just mechanical aptitude.***

***“The Lincoln Electric Co. has been a longtime supporter of SkillsUSA Kentucky.”***



**Barry Jackson**  
**Jackson Welding & Consulting:**

***“I’ve judged this contest all three years it has been at state. I’m continually amazed at the teamwork and quality that is put out each year. I’ve also enjoyed watching the numbers of teams grow each year. It’s great to see young people take on challengers.***

***“The executive director of this Union Hall made a comment on how much work was being done with students. He was impressed with the product. That speaks volumes.”***



# Welding Art Sculpture

**Chairman: David McCoy, KY Tech-Meade Co. ATC**



**1<sup>st</sup> – Nathan Kennedy, KY Tech-Murray / Calloway Co. ATC**



**"Shipwrecked"**

According to instructor Chris Rose, "Nathan's skill, ability, and imagination got him to state conference. He is a responsible young man and I'm proud of his efforts." (See group photo on page #23).

**"Heart of a Butterfly"**



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Sasha Loveless, KY Tech-Pulaski Co. ATC**

**McCoy:**

**"I'm proud to say that this competitive event went from a local, regional, and state level to a national competition in two years. It's because of what we did in the state of Kentucky."**

**"Every year becomes even more impressive because the bar gets raised higher each year. Kentucky has paved the way you could say – all the way to national conference."**

**"I have chaired this competition on the state level for the past 3 years and I am completely blow away by the workmanship, imagination, attitude and diversity of Kentucky welding students. We have some of the best welders in the nation."**

**This year's first place winner also received a \$200 scholarship from the SkillsUSA Kentucky Association. (Contact Steve Phillippi for details).**



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Zackery Booker, KY Tech-Mason Co. ATC.**

**Photo (l to r): Booker, instructor Chantz Walters, and Alexis Sawyers.**

**Walters:**

**"I'm a skilled tradesman and I'm amazed at the skill level of these students. It's been inspirational to me to see what these kids can do."**

**"I'm proud of Zackery and the effort he put into his project."**



# Carpentry

Thursday, April 7



## Carpentry I winners

**1<sup>st</sup> - Matt Chapin (l),  
KY Tech-Garrard Co. ATC.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Tanner Smith (r),  
KY Tech-Warren Co. ATC.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Cody Smallwood  
(not pictured), KY Tech-  
Montgomery Co. ATC.**



**KY Tech-C.E. McCormick ATC  
instructors Jimmy Porter and  
Kelly McCormick .**



**Durr:**

**“Matthew Lawson is a two time winner at the state carpentry competition. I don’t think this happens often in the skills competitions because of the caliber of students in our state. I am extremely proud of Matt because of his accomplishments and more importantly, he is one of a few who really understands the meaning of taking his future into his own hands. He is what career and technical education programs are all about – learning skills to make a living, and he will make a very good living.”**

**Photo at left: Carpentry winner: (l to r): Matthew Lawson and KY Tech-Hughes Jones-Harrodsburg ATC carpentry instructor Eddie Durr.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>– William Steenburgen,  
KY Tech -Barren Co. ATC**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Ethan Estep, Leslie Co. ATC**



**(l to r): Randall Partin and KY Tech-Bell Co. ATC carpentry instructor Kevin Lefevers:**

**Lefevers:**

**“By joining SkillsUSA, my students discover they are a part of an organization that affords them tremendous opportunities if they will only allow themselves to rise to the occasion and be challenged.”**



The Kentuckiana Masonry Institute (KMI) was host to both the Masonry 1 and Masonry events. Kevin Gray, KMI executive director served as chairman of the Masonry 1 event.



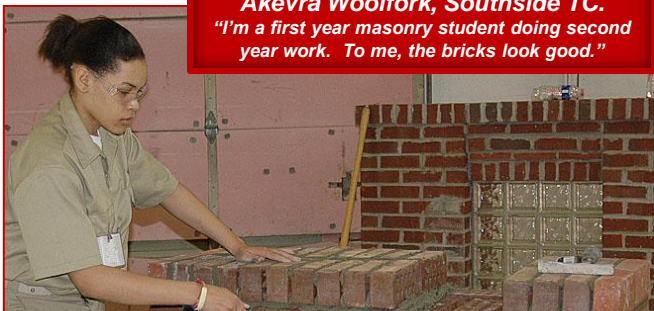
**Gray:**

*"It was a pleasure for the Kentuckiana Masonry Institute to host the state SkillsUSA Masonry competition on April 7<sup>th</sup>. It was pure joy to watch the students as they masterfully constructed their projects. Masonry is a trade that is heavily reliant on an older, skilled workforce and it is encouraging to witness involvement from such youth; they are truly the future of our industry!"*

*"It was evident that this group of high school kids really appreciate the artistic and true form of the masonry unit. They were excited and passionate about their projects and it was portrayed in the assemblies that they produced. Again, it was truly an honor for KMI to be involved with these kids and it has given us hope in the future generations of our trade."*

**Akevra Woolfork, Southside TC.**

*"I'm a first year masonry student doing second year work. To me, the bricks look good."*



**Photo at right:**  
Judges and chairman  
(l to r): Jim Blappert,  
Jefferson CTC; Lee  
Smith, Luther Luckett  
CC; Jeff Garnett,  
Greater Cincinnati  
Building Trades;  
Herbert Ashton,  
Audubon Youth  
Development Center;  
and Kevin Gray.



**Photo at right (l to r):**  
Tyler Tipton, Jr. and  
Tyler Tipton, Sr. pose  
with completed  
project. Tyler's father  
came to watch his  
son compete in an  
event that he won as  
a student at the local,  
regional, state and  
national levels.



(l to r): Tipton, Jimmy Porter, KY Tech-  
C.E. McCormick ATC masonry  
instructor; and Kevin Wells.



**Photo at left - Masonry winners -**  
all are students of Jimmy Lee  
Porter. From (l to r): Ricky  
Goforth, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Kevin Wells, 1<sup>st</sup>; and  
Tyler Tipton, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Wells:**

*"Mr. Porter is a good guy and he  
has taught us well. It's obvious  
because we took all the top  
honors."*



# Diesel Equipment Technology



**Brian King, KY Tech-Boone Co. ATC diesel technology instructor** was proud that his students took first through third in the diesel equipment technology event.

According to King, "this makes two years in a row that we have taken first through third places. And, we have gone to nationals for the past four years. I'm proud of how my students have exhibited their skills."

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Daniel Chumley  
Boone Co. ATC**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Cory Morris  
Boone Co. ATC**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Chris Cress  
Boone Co. ATC**



**HVAC – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Wilson Hembrey, KY Tech-Meade Co. ATC.** Hembrey is working on the brazing/soldering project for the competitive event.

**Below: Bobby Joe Knott is competing in Firefighting.** He placed third in the event. He is also a member of the Chapter Business Team that placed first.

**Both photos were submitted by Faye Campbell.**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Cabinetmaking  
Matthew Fisher  
KY Tech-Garrard  
Co. ATC**

**Sonja Baker serves  
as contest  
chairman.**



# KY Tech-Pulaski County, Team 4 – TeamWorks Champions

The TeamWorks event was once again held during the 2011 SkillsUSA Kentucky State Conference. Sponsored by Lowe's. TeamWorks is designed to evaluate team preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in the field of residential carpentry, masonry, plumbing, electricity, and teamwork skills.



**Judges:** (l to r): Jim Leasor, Leasor Construction Co. and Elizabeth CTC adjunct professor; Vic Nordmann, Jefferson CTC; and Robert Hieb, retired business owner and school teacher.  
**Contest Chair:** Kent Robinson, Jefferson CTC.

**1st – KY Tech-Pulaski County ATC – Team 4**

**2nd – KY Tech-C.E. McCormick ATC**

**3rd – KY Tech-Montgomery Co. ATC**



**(l to r):** Josh Hill, Cameron Fiste, Tee Jay Cork, and Sam Maxfield. All are students of KY Tech-Pulaski Co. carpentry instructor Larry Huckaby.

**Huckaby:**

*"I am extremely proud of my students and their achievements. Their natural abilities make teaching easier, and I credit them for their strong will to learn in their pursuit of a career in carpentry."*

*"The TeamWorks competition is a great chance for students to reflect their overall knowledge in construction technology, and is beneficial for students to hone their skills in preparation for the workforce or post-secondary education."*

**Lowe's provided tools and sponsorship valued at \$15,000 for this year's conference.**



# TeamWorks



## **Cake Decorating contestant**



**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Richard Holsendorff,  
Murray/Calloway Co. ATC**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Savannah Wallace,  
Arvin Educational Center**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**Brena Mullins,  
KY Tech- Caldwell Co. ATC**



**Cake decorating judge Pat Dennison, OCTE consultant; Ruth Gray (Chair), and Chef James Olert, Southside Technical Center. Not pictured, Lenville Martin, KY Tech-Floyd Co. ATC.**





# State Officer Scholarships

*This year, each SkillsUSA Kentucky state officer received a \$250 cash scholarship award to be used for educational purposes. A total of six scholarships will be presented.*

***Tom and Connie Pitts Scholarship  
a total of \$500.***

***Photo at left (l to r): Heather York, Murray State University; Tom Pitts, KY Tech-J.D. Patton electrical technology instructor; and Ellen Shipley, Trigg Co. HS***



***Donna Ruth Gray Scholarship  
presented to:  
Danielle Chastain***





# State Officer Scholarships

***Fran and George Dundon Scholarship  
Presented to Jason Ballman  
Elizabethtown CTC***



***Jack and Ann Morris  
Scholarship***

*given by Daryn Morris in honor of his parents.*

***Presented to:  
Alyssa Baggott – Eastside CTC***

***Mr. Morris was out of state  
during the conference.***

***Steve and Mechelle Phillippi Scholarship  
presented to:***

***Matthew Cape  
KY Tech-Lake Cumberland ATC  
Cape was also named as the 2011  
Outstanding SkillsUSA KY State Officer.***





# Awards Ceremony

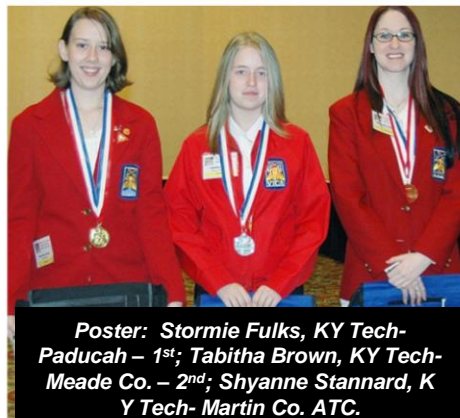
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**1<sup>st</sup> place Chapter Business – KY Tech-Meade Co. ATC**



**John Whitfill –  
2<sup>nd</sup>, CNC  
Turning.  
E-town  
CTC**



**Poster: Stormie Fulks, KY Tech-Paducah – 1<sup>st</sup>; Tabitha Brown, KY Tech-Meade Co. – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Shyanne Stannard, KY Tech- Martin Co. ATC.**

For many career and technical education students, the SkillsUSA state conference represents the same benchmark and level of excitement as the state basketball tournament, the Governor's Scholars program, an academic quiz bowl, or any other competitive event held at the secondary or postsecondary levels.

Those who win gold, silver or bronze come to understand the exuberance of standing on a stage of recognition because they are the best in their skill field. And, for some, it will be the only recognition platform they will ever experience.

SkillsUSA allows students an opportunity to rise to the top of their skill level, become champions, and define who they are and what they are capable of doing well.





# Awards Ceremony – Friday, April 8

## Scholarships



### Kentucky SkillsUSA Foundation

**\$250 – Job Skill Demo A**  
**Alex Bonilla**  
*KY Tech-Butler Co.*

**\$250 – Job Skill Demo O**  
**Sarah Ervin**  
*KY Tech-Green Co.*

### SkillsUSA Kentucky Association

**\$200 – Prepared Speech**  
Secondary Division  
**Allen Lebo**  
*KY Tech-Russellville ATC*

*To claim scholarship,  
contact  
Steve Phillippi  
via e-mail using the  
following link:*

**[Steve.Phillippi@ky.gov](mailto:Steve.Phillippi@ky.gov)**



**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Welding Art Sculpture**  
**Nathan Kennedy**

*Photo (l to r): Dennis Harper, KY Tech-  
Murray/Calloway Co. principal; Kennedy,  
and welding instructor Chris Rose.*

### SkillsUSA Kentucky Association

**\$200 – Extemporaneous  
Speaking**  
Secondary Division  
**Grace Murray**  
*KY Tech-J D Patton ATC*

**\$200 – Welding Art  
Sculpture**  
Secondary Division  
**Nathan Kennedy**  
*KY Tech-Murray/Calloway Co.*

**\$200 – Job Interview**  
Secondary Division  
**Matthew Bowling**  
*Johnson Central HS*

**\$200 – Pin Design**  
Secondary Division  
**Ashley Brown**  
*KY Tech- Barren Co.*



# Awards Ceremony

Friday, April 8, 2011

**3D Animation – 1<sup>st</sup> place, KY Tech- Bell Co. ATC.**

**Photo (l to r): Michael Huddleston, instructor Tim Huddleston, and Brett Sizemore.**

**Huddleston:**

*“What a great honor to stand as a teacher and advisor to see my students win first at state in 3D animation. But even greater than that was the pride of a father seeing his son's hard work and practice pay off. I'm proud of both Michael and Brett.”*



**Collision Repair Technology – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Chris Blackburn, KY Tech-Bell Co. ATC.**  
**Photo at right: Instructor Alva Evans and Blackburn.**

**Evans:**

*“Chris is extremely talented. We are proud of how he was able to showcase his skills and his work ethic will carry him into a satisfying career.”*



**Above: Pete Regrut, ESAB Welding & Cutting Products and Terry Miller, OCTE consultant prepare prizes for winners.**



**Welding Fabrication: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Chris Hawks, Tyler Hammock, and John Haley, KY Tech-Warren Co. ATC**



## Lincoln Electric Prizes



Photo above: Ben Coons, Lincoln Electric and Terry Miller, OCTE consultant.

### Coons:

***“Lincoln Electric believes that it is important to be involved with the SkillsUSA student organization to promote and influence our industry. We are proud to team up with SkillsUSA Kentucky and help shape the future of welding.”***

*Lincoln Electric provided a total of \$22,000 for prizes at state conference. The company has also helped sponsor numerous regional welding events.*



### **Welding – 1<sup>st</sup> place secondary division**

**Nathan Garrett, KY Tech- Pulaski Co. welding student receives \$200 Lincoln Electric sponsorship from Ben Coons. Garrett is a student of Scott Johnson.**

***According to Garrett, his teacher is “a really good welder and he taught me a lot.”***

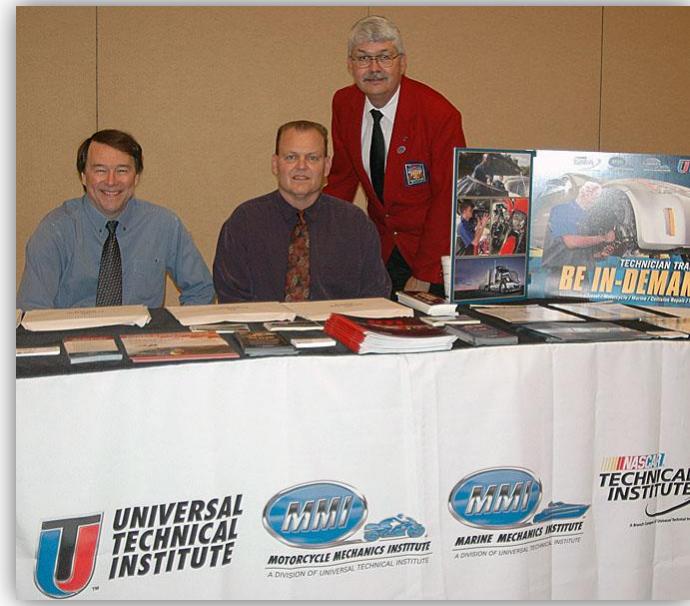




Photo at left (l to r): Todd Nickens, OCTE consultant and Terry Hardwick, Snap-on Industrial acct. manager.

Snap-on Industrial provided \$50,000 in sponsorship for prizes during the SkillsUSA state conference.

Photo at right (l to r): Todd Nickens, OCTE consultant; Gene Bunn, NASCAR Technical Institute; and OCTE executive director John Marks.



## Scholarships and Prizes



SkillsUSA KY students sign up for scholarships.

Photo at right (l to r): Eltra Butler, Johnson & Wales admissions representative and John Marks discuss scholarships.

Butler:

"SkillsUSA offers students the opportunity to get hands-on training in numerous fields. This is why Johnson & Wales University has partnered with SkillsUSA. Students automatically receive a scholarship to JWU and receive hands-on training while still a student! It's a great partnership."







**Photo at left (l to r): Pat Weber, Ohio Technical College admissions representative offers Jeramiah Carter a scholarship for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in Power Equipment Technology. Carter is a student at Eastside Technical Center.**



**Ohio Technical College provided a total of \$97,000 in scholarships.**



## Scholarships and Prizes



**(l to r): Todd Nickens poses with Lisa Baarstad, NADC admissions representative.**

**NADC provided \$54,000 in scholarships.**

**Palm:**

**"SkillsUSA is an event we look forward to participating in on both the state and national levels. These students are a part of the technical future and we want to be at the forefront of training these students in the transportation service industry."**

**Photo (l to r): Anthony Palm, WyoTech admissions consultant talks with John Marks, OCTE executive director.**

**WyoTech provided a total of \$42,500 in scholarships.**





***SkillsUSA Kentucky state officer advisor  
Ruth Gray:***

***"This was the first year in my role as state officer advisor that I was unable to attend the opening session of the conference. I am so proud of the state officers for taking charge of their duties and so many people told me they did an excellent job during Tuesday night's first general session. This is exactly what SkillsUSA is all about – preparing students to be leaders and to be self sufficient. This year's group of officers has put forth a team effort and grown into true leaders. In fact, this has been an outstanding group to work with because they have each stepped up to the plate.***

***"As new officers join the SkillsUSA team, we always have those who move on to other activities. We will all certainly miss two of our officers who have each served three years as a state officer - Miss Heather York and Mr. Jason Ballman. We wish them well in all of their future endeavors and we certainly wish Jason Ballman good luck as he takes on the challenge of running for a national office.***

***"Over the years, state officer scholarships have been secured to honor the efforts of our state officers. I was honored to present Danielle Chastain with a state officer scholarship for her role over this past year. She has had a positive attitude, willing to work hard, and has been a real team member. I have known Danielle as one of my culinary students and as a state officer. Her father is a member of my staff and teaches information technology, so she has seen firsthand the benefits of SkillsUSA. She is very much a part of our school and SkillsUSA family."***





# 2011-2012 KY State Officer Team



*Photo taken by Education and Workforce Development Photographer Tim Thornberry.*



## Conference Round-Up



***Top left: KY Tech-Mayfield/Graves Co. ATC; Top right: KY Tech-Breckinridge Co. ATC  
Bottom left: KY Tech-Millard ATC; Bottom right: KY Tech-Knox Co. ATC***





## Conference Round-Up



**Above: KY Tech-JD Patton ATC. Below: KY Tech-Leslie Co. ATC. Top right: KY Tech-Casey Co. ATC; Middle right: KY Tech-Bell Co. ATC; and Bottom right: KY Tech-Jackson Co. ATC**





## Conference Round-Up



*Above: KY Tech-C.E. McCormick ATC. Bottom left: KY Tech-Clay Co. ATC. Bottom right: KY Tech-Barren Co. ATC*





# KY Tech-Paducah ATC raised \$20,000 to attend state conference



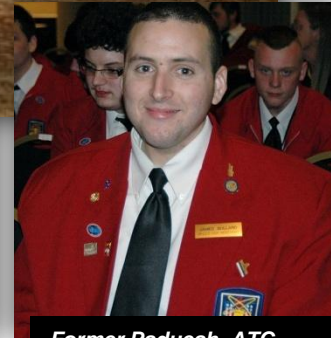
*At right: KY Tech-Paducah ATC Opening and Closing Team.*

***Each year, all SkillsUSA local chapters work hard to raise money to attend local, regional and state competitions. As any advisor knows, it gets more difficult to raise the needed funds. Kudos to KY Tech-Paducah ATC faculty and staff for their efforts in raising \$20,000 (most of it during the 2 ½ weeks prior to conference) by pre-selling smoked picnic hams, racks of ribs, and half chickens for Easter Sunday, scrapping old engine parts and motors, raffle tickets, candy sales, “Smashing the Gruber Mobile,” Pizza Inn fundraiser, coupon books, and recycling ink cartridges. All of this was done while at the same time asking local businesses for donations. McDonalds and USEC made substantial donations to the cause.***

***According to information technology instructor Debra Gruber, there were 44 students, 4 advisors, 1 alumnus, and several special guests who came from Paducah this year to attend the state conference. “In order to do this, it took more money than we had ever raised,” said Gruber. “We are always glad we can involve so many students.”***



***At right (l to r): 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Talent Show – single. Jonathan Lee and his father, instructor Robert Lee.***



***Former Paducah ATC student and SkillsUSA state officer James Bullard works with current students prior to conference. He also helps out during conference with the SkillsUSA store and alumni recruitment.***